U. S. Suspends N. Y. Weekly For Sedition

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The Government last night suppressed a New York weekly called The Militant.

After long hearings where representatives of The Militant tried to answer Attorney General Biddle's charges of sedition, Postmaster General Walker invoked the Espionage Act of 1917 to bar the publication from the mails.

The order highlighted the fact that seditious material is still being widely circulated in the form of mimeographed bulletins, printed papers and slick paper booklets. These sheets protest their patriotic motives in the same columns that plant distrust of the other United Nations, sneer at the war effort and denounce the Department of Justice for the prosecutions already begun.

Attorney General Biddle had this to say about the publication suppressed last night:

"Since December 7, 1941, 'The Militant' has openly discourgaed participation in the war by the masses of the people. It is permeated with the thesis that the war is being fought solely for the benefit of the ruling groups and will serve merely to continue the enslavement of the working classes . . . the lines also include derision of democracy, stimulation of race issues and other material . . . appearing to be calculated to engender opposition to the war effort as well as to interfere with the morale of the armed forces."